

DISTRICT SEVEN SAFETY MEETING

Faith United Church of Christ

4240 N. 78th Street

6:30PM

June 15, 2009

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Ofc. Shellee Lubus called the meeting to order.
- II. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ofc. Lubus informed the group of the redistricting plans that are coming for District Seven using natural boundaries like rivers, parks, railroad tracks, etc.
- III. **REVIEW OF CRIME IN DISTRICT SEVEN:**

BURGLARY: Down 7%. Burglaries occur most often during the day through open windows or kicked in doors. Burglars listen to see if air conditions are running as an indicator that the home is occupied. Most often the object of desire are big screen TVs and other electronics.

ROBBERY: Most recent robbery was at the WalMart in MidTown on June 11 at 7:05AM on a scheduled payday. The subjects entered the store and demanded money. They also shot at one of the greeters in the store. Alderman Davis called a special meeting to address this issue. Most robberies continue to occur on main thoroughfares.

AUTO THEFT: Down 33% Every day the top 10 makes of cars are released to patrols. Police stops of those cars enable the discovery of peeled driving columns, no keys in the ignition and no paperwork. Some stops result in finding stolen cars before the owner is even aware.

THEFTS: Mostly vehicle stickers, items from cars –GPS,etc.

*The police also conduct **field interviews** with suspicious individuals/groups on the street. Most of these are positive in nature but some have also resulted in arrests for outstanding warrants, information about other neighborhood issues.*

***Club Infinity** at 53rd and Center was closed down in May after the neighborhood and Common Ground challenged the license. There were a number of incidences at the establishment including an attack against the bouncer. The owner did nothing to secure the safety of his employee.*

- IV. **GUEST SPEAKER: Ronald Roberts, Department of Neighborhood Services**
Building Inspector who has worked with the Department for 25 years. The police have been very helpful to DNS over the years in relation to code enforcement, zoning and condemnation issues.
 - Pre-Foreclosure ordinance—dealing with vacant/abandoned houses
 - Required Recordings
 - Secure/maintain property (grass mowed regularly, no broken windows, etc.)
 - Illegal Auto Mechanics (Alley mechanics)(Zoning Ordinance)

- Illegal selling on the Street—velvet pictures, rugs, etc. (Must have a license) (Zoning Ordinance)
- Selling on the median. (It is illegal to be selling water, etc on the medians.) Report to police.
- Nuisance Issues: barking dogs, dog bites, illegal parking in the yard. (Parking must be on a hard surface or gravel) loud music,
- Car sales on vacant properties—Call Parking enforcement—cars will be ticketed and towed. (Zoning Ordinance)

HOTLINE: 286-2268 FOR ALL THESE ISSUES

V. “LIGHTS ON FOR SAFETY” Steve O’Connell

The key to qualify for the Lights on for Safety Program is belonging to a Block Watch.

VI. ADJOURN MEETING;

NEXT SAFETY MEETING: July 20, 2009

Blessed Savior Church

8545 W. Villard Avenue

6:30PM

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